

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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DECISION

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Notice of Intended Action--Chapter 98, Wild Turkey Spring Hunting

The Commission is requested to approve this Notice to amend Chapter 98, Wild Turkey Spring Hunting. The amendments clarify that the state forests are no longer special zones for resident and nonresident spring turkey hunting. The amendment allows nonresidents to hunt in all four seasons and adjusts the nonresident license quotas to divide the licenses between all four seasons. Nonresidents had not been allowed to hunt during the second season when the number of licenses for residents was limited. The total number of nonresident turkey licenses issued does not change.

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Administrator
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Attachment

March 8, 2007

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION [571]

Notice of Intended Action

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 455A.5, the Natural Resource Commission hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 98, "Wild Turkey Spring Hunting," Iowa Administrative Code.

These rules give the regulations for hunting wild turkeys during the spring and include season dates, bag limits, possession limits, shooting hours, areas open to hunting, licensing procedures, means and method of take, and transportation tag requirements. The amendments clarify that the state forests are no longer special zones for resident and nonresident spring turkey hunting. The amendment allows nonresidents to hunt in all four seasons and adjusts the nonresident license quotas to divide the licenses between all four seasons. Nonresidents had not been allowed to hunt during the second season when the number of licenses for residents was limited. The total number of nonresident turkey licenses issued does not change.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendments on or before April 19, 2007. Written comments may be directed to the Wildlife Bureau's website at www.iowadnr.com or may be sent to the Wildlife Bureau Chief, Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034; fax (515)281-6794. Persons who wish to convey their views orally should contact the Wildlife Bureau at (515) 281-6156 or at the Wildlife Bureau offices on the fourth floor of the Wallace State Office Building.

Also, there will be public hearings held at 18 locations via the Iowa Communications Network on April 19, 2007. Interested persons should contact the Department at (515)281-5918 for a list of hearing locations or go to the Department's website at www.iowadnr.com. At the hearings, persons may present their views either orally or in writing. At the hearings, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendments.

Any persons who intend to attend a public hearing and have special requirements such as those related hearing or mobility impairments should contact the Department of Natural Resources and request specific accommodations.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 483A.38, 483A.39, 483A.48 and 483A.7.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend rule 571--98.2(3)(483A) as follows:

98.2(3) Zones. A person with a resident wild turkey spring hunting license may take wild turkey statewide. ~~in designated areas in accordance with the type of license issued. A person with an archery-only license may take wild turkey statewide. A person with a paid combination shotgun- or archery license may take wild turkey in one of four zones described as follows:~~

- a. ~~Zone 1. Zone 1 is all units of Stephens State Forest west of U.S. Highway 65 in Clarke and Lucas Counties only.~~
- b. ~~Zone 2. Zone 2 is Shimek State Forest in Lee and Van Buren Counties only.~~
- c. ~~Zone 3. Zone 3 is Yellow River State Forest in Allamakee County only.~~
- d. ~~Zone 4. Zone 4 is all of Iowa except for those areas described by Zones 1, 2 and 3.~~

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 571--98.9(2)(483A) as follows:

98.9(2) Seasons. Bearded (or male) wild turkey may be taken only by the use of shotguns, muzzleloading shotguns, and bow and arrow during the first, second, third or fourth seasons as defined in 98.2(4) "a." ~~No nonresident hunting licenses will be issued for the second season.~~

ITEM 3. Amend rule 571--98.10(483A) as follows:

571-98.10(483A) Zones open to hunting. Licenses shall be valid only in designated areas as follows:

1. ~~Zone 1. Zone 1 is all units of Stephens State Forest in Clarke and Lucas Counties west of U.S. Highway 65.~~

2. ~~Zone 2. Zone 2 is the Shimek State Forest in Lee and Van Buren Counties only.~~

3. ~~Zone 3. Zone 3 is the Yellow River State Forest in Allamakee County only.~~

4. Zone 4. Zone 4 is that portion of Iowa bounded on the north by Interstate Highway 80 and on the west by U.S. Highway 59, ~~with the exception of the areas described as Zone 1 and Zone 2.~~

5 2 . Zone 5. Zone 5 is that portion of Iowa bounded on the north by U.S. Highway 20 and on the east by U.S. Highway 59.

6 3 . Zone 6. Zone 6 is that portion of Iowa lying east of U.S. Highway 63 and north of Interstate Highway 80, ~~with the exception of that area described as Zone 3.~~

7 4 . Zone 7. Zone 7 is that portion of Iowa bounded on the north by U.S. Highway 20, on the west by U.S. Highway 59, on the south by Interstate Highway 80, and on the east by U.S. Highway 63.

8 5 . Zone 8. Zone 8 is that portion of Iowa north of U.S. Highway 20 and west of U.S. Highway 63.

ITEM 4. Amend rule 571--98.11(1)(483A) as follows:

571-98.11(483A) License quotas. A limited number of wild turkey hunting licenses will be issued in each zone in each season as follows:

98.11(1) Combination shotgun-or-archery licenses.

a. ~~Zone 1. Closed.~~

b. ~~Zone 2. Closed.~~

c. ~~Zone 3. Closed.~~

d. Zone 4. ~~350~~ 262.

e b . Zone 5. ~~75~~ 55.

f c . Zone 6. ~~220~~ 165.

g d . Zone 7. ~~46~~ 35.

h e . Zone 8. ~~25~~ 20.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 481A.38, 481A.39, 481A.48, 483A.1 and 483A.7.

Date

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